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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF EXCERPTS OF LITTLE NOTICED REMARKS OF FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN ON JAN 28:

BEGIN EXCERPTS:

Q: U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UN ANDREW YOUNG CONTINUES SAYING THAT THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE SUPPORTING UN MEMBERSHIP FOR VIET-NAM. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW?

A: THAT CONCERNS THE U.S. WHAT DID AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAY?

 $\mathbf{Q} : \mathbf{HE} \ \mathbf{SAID} \ \mathbf{IF} \ \mathbf{HANOI} \ \mathbf{WANTS} \ \mathbf{UN} \ \mathbf{MEMBERSHIP}, \ \mathbf{THE} \ \mathbf{U.S.} \ \mathbf{WILL} \ \mathbf{UNCLASSIFIED}$

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CHANGE ITS POLICY REGARDING THIS ISSUE.

A: THAT CONCERNS THE U.S. IT HAS THE RIGHT TO IMPLEMENT ITS OWN POLICY AS IT FEELS BEST. WE HAVE SAID THAT WE WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. BUT IT IS TRUE THAT IF IT IMPLEMENTS POLICY IN THE FUTURE WHICH BENEFITS US, WE WILL SHOW IT OUR ATTITUDE.

Q: WILL FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TO BE HELD WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN INDOCHINA?

A: IT IS THE POLICY AND INTENTION OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT TO REACH A GOOD UNDERSTANDING WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN INDOCHINA. WE WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH THEM. I HAVE SAID THIS TIME AND AGAIN--THAT IT IS OUR POLICY TO BE FRIENDS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, REGARDLESS OF DIFFERENCES IN SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE POLICY OF OUR GOVERNMENT, AND WE ARE IMPLEMENTING IT QUIETLY.

Q: DO YOU THINK UN MEMBERSHIP WILL BE A THREAT TO THAILAND?

A: HOW CAN IT BE A THREAT? THE UN HAS BEEN SET UP TO COORDINATE WORK AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, ITS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO SAFEGUARD INTERNATIONAL STABILITY. IN OTHER WORDS, THE UN HAS BEEN SET UP TO PREVENT WAR FROM BREAKING OUT. END EXCERPTS.
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